



PROGRESS REPORT NO. 83

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RE: Upper Columbia River (UCR) Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study
(RI/FS) - Progress Report No. 83 Month Ending May 2013

Pursuant to Paragraph 39 of the June 2, 2006 Settlement Agreement (Agreement), the following is intended to provide a summary of activities completed during the past month in compliance with the aforementioned Agreement. It is also intended to provide a brief summary of pending and on-going activities.

At the time of writing, applications/requests for permits and/or permission to conduct sediment sampling activities as outlined within the EPA-approved Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) for the Phase 2 Sediment Study have been submitted to the Spokane Tribe of Indians, the Government of Canada, and the U.S. Department of the Interior National Park Service. Prior to submitting a permit request to complete sediment sampling activities on lands/waters owned and managed by the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation details regarding enhanced oversight and split samples require further clarification. Consistent with the Agreement, TAI will submit the necessary permit application to complete the work on lands/waters owned and managed by the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation no later than the 17th of June.

The draft final surface water data summary report was revised and made available via for review and approval on May 30, 2013. As with all technical deliverables the document was also made available via the secure domain of the project website. TAI continues to evaluate elements of EPA's soil level of effort paper in the preparation of a draft soils QAPP. Consistent with recent discussions, TAI is working towards submitting a draft soils QAPP this year with the primary goal of completing this draft deliverable prior to 2013 Phase 2 sediment sampling activities.

Should you have any questions or require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at 509-623-4585.